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MTG. A.M. AND P.M.

SUMMARY: CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS REPORTED ON WORK PROGRESS OF THIS SESSION. VARIOUS DELS COMMENTED ON PROGRESS OF WORK. SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSED TANZANIAN PROPOSAL TO SEND VIEWS OF SUBCOMMITTEE TO IMCO CONFERENCE. SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENCED CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT FROM SUBCOMMITTEE III TO THE MAIN COMMITTEE.

1. CHAIRMEN OF WGS REPORTED ON RESULTS OF WORK. DELEGATES COMMENTED ON WG-2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. UKRAINE AND BULGARIA SUGGESTED A MODIFICATION TO DEEMPHASIZE WORK DONE ON ENFORCEMENT IN WG-2. CHAIRMAN RULED THAT WG-2 APPROVED NOTE AND IT IS NOT FOR SUBCMTE TO CHANGE IT AS SUGGESTED.

2. PERUVIAN REP STATED THAT DUE TO LACK OF TIME, LACK OF PROGRESS
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IN CONSIDERATION OF JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES AND OTHER FACTORS, THE

MANDATES OF WGS 2 AND 3 HAVE NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT. HE, THEREFORE, CONCLUDED THAT THE REPORTS AND ANNEXES OF CHAIRMEN OF WGS WERE MERELY INFORMAL DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION.

3. USSR WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PROGRESS OF WORK AND PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE (UKRAINE AGREES). LACK OF PREPARATIONS WAS DUE TO LACK OF TIME AND LACK OF PROGRESS IN OTHER PARTS OF SBC, INCLUDING LACK OF AGREEMENT ON TERMINOLOGY. REP REITERATED VIEWS ON MARINE POLLUTION AND STATED THAT LOS SHOULD ONLY CONSIDER GENERAL PRINCIPLES. STANDARDS SHOULD BE ELABORATED IN SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS, E.G. IMCO. REP EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PROPOSED LIMITATIONS ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN BROAD ZONES OF WORLD'S OCEANS, AND INDICATED THAT DISADVANTAGES FROM SUCH A REGIME WOULD FALL MAINLY ON LDCS.

4. MALTA READ STATEMENT INTO RECORD TO THE EFFECT THAT NOTE BY CHAIRMAN WG-2 ADDRESSED TO CHAIRMAN OF SUBCTME III (A/AC.138/SC III/L.52 - POUCHED SEPARATELY) ONLY REFERRED TO DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUBCTME III, WHILE MALTA SUBMITTED ARTICLES IN SUBCTME II WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO WORKING SUBCTME III.

5. CANADA SAID SUBCTME III DID MAKE "TREMENDOUS PROGRESS" AND CONCERNED WITH STATEMENTS TO CONTRARY. STRESSED POSITIVE WORK OF WG-2 ON OBLIGATIONS AND STANDARDS. AUSTRALIA, JAMAICA CONCURRED.

6. CHILEAN REP ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH CANADIAN STATEMENT. INTERNATIONAL LAW IS DYNAMIC AND IS FORMED NOT ONLY BY EUROPEAN PRACTICE BUT BY UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS. ECONOMIC ZONE IS BECOMING AN INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM.

7. US, PAKISTAN, GUATEMALA, PHILIPPINES REPS AGREED THAT USEFUL WORK HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE WGS AND RECOGNIZED THAT MORE NEEDED TO BE DONE. NUMEROUS DELS, INCLUDING U.S., COMMENDED WG CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIAT STAFF FOR WORK THIS SESSION.

8. SUBCTME AGREED TO ANNEX REPORT OF WG CHAIRMEN TO SUBCTME'S REPORT.

9. SUBCTME DISCUSSED TANZANIAN PROPOSAL TO SEND VIEWS OF SUBCTME UNCLASSIFIED

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THROUGH MAIN CTME TO S.G. IMCO. CONFERENCE. REP PROPOSED THAT LETTER EXPRESS VIEWS THAT THERE SHOULD BE COOPERATION BETWEEN SBC AND IMCO IN SO FAR AS MARINE POLLUTION FROM VESSELS IS CONCERNED AND THAT WHATEVER IS DECIDED BY IMCO CONFERENCE SHOULD IN NO WAY PREJUDICE THE WORK OF LOS CONFERENCE. UK ENCOURAGED STATES TO ADHERE TO IMCO CONVENTION AND TREATIES PREPARED ON MARINE POLLUTION. UK COULD AGREE TO SENDING REPORT OF SUBCTME TO IMCO CONFERENCE BUT NOT BOLDLY SAY IMCO CONF. SHOULD NOT PREJUDICE LOS,

WHICH SOUNDS VERY NEGATIVE. CANADA AGREED WITH UK CONCERNS. ON ISSUE OF PREJUDGING LOS, REP SAID EXISTING FLAG STATE JURISDICTION WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL. CHILE GENERALLY AGREED WITH CANADIAN REP. AND STATED THAT SCHEDULING OF IMCO CONFERENCE WAS TO PREJUDICE LOS. KENYAN ALTERNATIVE TEXT, READ BY ZEGERS, SAID ANY CONVENTION FROM IMCO CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO BE FOWARDED TO LOS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL. KENYA CONCURRED WITH COMMENTS OF CANADA AND CHILE. SPAIN AGREED WITH CANADIAN STATEMENT. LEBANON SAID THAT STATES SHOULD GO TO LONDON AND PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE. EGYPT AGREED WITH IDEA OF SENDING LETTER ALONG TANZANIAN AND KENYAN LINES. MEXICO COMMENDED TANZANIA FOR INITIATIVE AND SAID IMCO CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD AT WRONG TIME ON EVE OF LOS CONFERENCE. REP INDICATED THAT POWER CENTERS IN IMCO PLANNED SCHEDULE THAT WAY. USSR SAID THAT SBC SHOULD SEND ITS REPORT TO IMCO AND ALSO STRESS COOPERATION, BUT SBC CANNOT TELL ANOTHER CONFERENCE WHAT OR WHAT NOT TO DO. U.S. EXPRESSED AGREEMENT IN SENDING A LETTER TO IMCO AND AGREED WITH VIEWS OF LEBANON AND USSR. AUSTRALIA FAVORS WIDE-REPRESENTATON AT IMCO-CONFERENCE AND COORDINATION BETWEEN IMCO AND LOS. INTERESTED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING U.S., MET TO DRAFT TEXT, DID NOT CONCLUDE DELIBERATIONS AND WILL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW.

10. IN THE AFTERNOON SUBCTME COMMENCED CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT TO THE MAIN CTME.BASSIN

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